

WHEN THE WANDERER
CAME HOME.

A DELIGHTFUL LOVE TALE.

The same joyful fate that makes a present of a luxuriant vineyard to a confirmed teetotaler, ordained that Willoughby Ferrars, who loved his kind, should be planted down in a shattered Indian city, fifty miles from any other white man, where his principal labor consisted of persuading a young rajah that his income of one hundred thousand pounds per annum could not, by any stretching of the imagination, be of the same value as he made to purchase two hundred thousand pounds worth of opium. In his leisure moments Ferrars sat on the veranda of his wholly unpleasant house and watched miles of scorching sand-desert blaze goldenly beneath a copper sun. Because he was a man of imagination he did not so mind, but sometimes when the evening sun was sloping through an arch of mystic trees and opal and saffron, he would have a vision grow out of the distance, and that vision upon this vision gave it almost a reality.

Fate, still moving jovially, was pleased to command that Ferrars' steps should be directed homeward, after months that he cared to count, and it chanced that after several days the great smile of a pretty widow on the P. and O. boat, which lured him into those sheltered corners which do abound on such vessels, and after feeling unwonted stirrings at his heartstrings because of a fresh-faced English girl, who was returning from Australia, he found himself one night at a dinner table in the Savoy.

Then the thing happened. A party of five entered the big doors and made slowly towards him, aiming for a table at his rear. He looked up, and a same, normal, face he looked out, still sane, still normal, and in less than five seconds by the big clock he was converted into a muttering, alibi-like mutter. Before he had time to exclaim the deep breath of surprise that set his shirt-front creaking, the thing was done—and he was looking rudely into the face of the very woman he had conjured into the out of the sands of an Indian desert!

There was no room for doubt about it. Eyes of sapphire blue gleamed wildly from under a low brow; a dear little nose, which could hardly been meant by Nature to draw attention to the faultless curve of the carnal lip beneath a chin that was rounded delicately, and a neck that seemed composed of swan-down, all made a combination that sent the hot blood racing to Ferrars' heart in a torrent.

A faint flush crept from her neck to her brow as she gazed, and then, because Ferrars was a gentleman, he dropped his eyes in some confusion and chased an errant pea round his plate vainly.

To him, amazed, came a fresh young subaltern, with whom he had at times fraternized for a rubber of whist in the days when he was a young man, and who had come to him from a distant part of the world to pay for the sound of rustling cavalry. "Hallo, Ferrars, old chap! Fancy meeting you here! Small world, isn't it?"

"If you can't talk anything but blithering commonplaces," said Ferrars brightly, "will you be so good as to clear out and leave me to something decent?"

"Didn't know you were so fond of your grub as all that," commented Tommy Toddes without heat. "What's got your back up now?"

"Grub!" exploded Ferrars. "Grub!" I was talking about my thoughts. Look here, Toddes, you're no bigger an ass than Nature and Sandhurst made you—tell me one thing, and I'll die in peace. Who's that wonderful woman there with the eyes and the hair?"

"Let's see," said Toddes, seating himself and scanning the menu leisurely. "You see her? She's with the general butler and the worn-out housekeeper."

"Oh, yes—but they're Lord and Lady Wilmington. The girl—well—why, that must be the new beauty everybody's talking about. Exploited by Lady Wilmington—just out, dug up some of your country village, I believe. Go! To the lady Devereux in Devereux—used to be in ours before he came into the title. Got the card and a couple of million three years ago. Yes, that's Miss Angela Vaughan, or I'm a dashed liar, and a fool besides."

"You're not a liar, Tommy," said Ferrars, sympathetically. "Is she—she's accessible?"

The young soldier surveyed his companion with pity. He had seen Ferrars as no other man had seen him, and had learned to love the big man with the tired eyes.

"Is it like that, then?" he asked softly. "Poor little dear!"

"I want a plain answer to a plain question. None of your blatant pity, please. Can a man get an introduction to that girl? Do you think a man can't see a girl and long to talk to her without wanting to fall in love with her on the spot? Besides—well, if she's engaged, what's the use of that?"

"She isn't altogether engaged," murmured the soldier. "They say it's only a matter of time; the man's willin' and the girl's willin', so your 'Morning Post' will soon set your mind at ease. But I can get you an introduction if that'll suit your lordly purpose."

ously and faintly, she failed to appear. And now—the crown of his hopes was on his brow; he held that which would give him leave to listen to the girl's voice, and perhaps—though the very thought of it sent cold waves down his spinal cord—oh, to parting by allowed one brief clasp of her hand!

He never knew how the intervening days were filled in, but finally, in a state of mind that trembled between high exaltation and abject lunacy, he found himself bowing over the slim white hand of Lady Wilmington herself. The indefatigable feeling of some impending wonder was in the air; he heard as in a dream a frolic of all, was conscious of looking blindly up from under his brows, and then—the girl herself was before him. She was undoubtedly all that his dreams had ever pictured. The same steady eyes returned his gaze steadily—only they were bluer in the reality than in the vision; the same vivid scarlet was on the perfectly curved lip; but—and he wondered vaguely what it meant—a delicate rose-bush was creeping up from beneath the feet of the girl, and she was sweet, low brow. Then Ferrars became painfully conscious that he was staring her out of countenance, and he relaxed into a vague idiosyncrasy that was not prepossessing.

"From India?" she said, in answer to some remark which he threw out distractedly. "Oh, how delightful! Then you must be one of those men who do things instead of paying others to perform their work. We must find time to talk, for I love to hear men tell of what they've done."

Then she and Ferrars gravitated to a secluded corner, and soon he found himself talking easily, with no stammering and pausing, telling this wonderful story of his life in the East. It was a prosaic record of his adventures, and he told it with a calm and placid face which she described. The two were revelling in each other's conversation, and he forgot the outer world when Ferrars' delightful chatter was directed to places by a level voice at Angela's very ears.

"Ah! dear girl, don't you know, I've been seeking you ever since I came here. Most elusive fairy—deucedly elusive!" Then he turned to the girl, and he remembered the tone of complete pretentiousness, and knew that his dream of happiness was founded on sand alone.

Precisely at that moment the hand struck up a waltz, the Earl of Devereux leaned over and whispered: "Our darling, I think, and Angela was borne away in his arms. Ferrars ground his teeth. Tommy Toddes, finding him where the girl had left him, ceased and remonstrated, beseeching him to assume the outward manners of civilization; but his pleadings met with nothing but a snarl, and that young man left his friend to his thoughts.

"Go away from this room; go straight to the shipping people and get a berth in the first boat to India, you fool!" said Ferrars' mind to Ferrars' heart.

"Stay where you are and talk as much as you can to the girl," retorted the heart's mind. "She isn't engaged yet. If you only play your cards well, she'll succumb to pleadings. Can you see she's interested in you, you ass?"

Ferrars stayed and ate out his heart for many weary hours. But he had been granted to him at the last. Angela, who had been waiting for him, made for the door. Her hand rested in his for one delicious instant, her lips moved, she smiled. Ferrars drove back to his rooms in a gilded chariot; some of wonder rose above the hum of the wheels; roseate vapors filled the streets.

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"It was all that I ever could have hoped for. I've touched happiness a hundred times since those days; but no day has been quite like the first. Oh, to feel that it was something in the scale of things. To know that my dreams had come true, that the world was before me! And when the time came for the price to be paid, I didn't complain, for I'd had my golden hour or two. And it might have been so different, you know. Devereux isn't like a lot of men one would meet here and there. He's good; oh, he's a good, clean man. His money hasn't spoiled him, you know—he's a clean, thoughtful Englishman, and you couldn't look for better than that. Suppose it had been one of those—other fellows."

"Lady Wilmington told me that it was what she expected; in fact, she thought, and said that she had fixed her mind on just that one ending to the thing. I couldn't disappoint her, you know. Have you ever felt gratitude—the kind of gratitude that makes one feel you would gladly be crushed to pieces just to be suffering so that you could in some measure repay your benefactors for their goodness to you? That is how I felt—I feel still. I'm—I'm sorry, but—it has to be, and you wouldn't have it otherwise, would you?"

And the girl leaned forward impulsively and laid her slim hand on Ferrars' coat sleeve, so that he thrilled to the marrow at the touch. He held himself together with a supreme effort. It was almost dark now, and the girl's hair, accented instinctively, had become loosened in the gentle breeze, so that a silken strand blew across his lips.

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"It was an announcement," in the morning Post that told Ferrars his worst fate was realized. It was there in cold print, and though he said he had resigned himself to the inevitable, the announcement fell on his soul with a cold chill. A wedding was arranged and would shortly take place between the Right Honorable the Earl of Devereux and Miss Angela Vaughan.

"Confound it," he said, savagely. "I can't get away from it. I did think I'd escape it in London in August, but it seems I made a mistake. Now, I suppose I'll hear of nothing but this marvelous engagement wherever I go. Where can a man go to escape it? My wife!—I'll go up there, and I'll go down there. There followed long days of almost happiness. The sweet country that he called "Home" appeared to him an exile zone, as it could appeal to no other.

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"Queenie, it's not his money! Heaven knows you'd welcome that!" Clive Raistrick, his hands on his wife's shoulders, thrilled with an intensity of passion. "It's this secrecy, this lack of confidence between us, that I can't bear. It's sapping our very lives. Tell me why you want this secrecy. If there's a dragon, let's go out and slay it together!" And, though she knew she was sealing her own doom, the white-faced woman could only shrink back—back from those compelling grey eyes.

"Clive, I can't—oh, I can't! Please be generous. I—I told you before we were married that there would be hardships between us—paths you must respect to enter. And you promised to respect them."

"I know I did!" The tone was bitter; it stung like a lash. "I was a fool to give you such a promise—a promise that should never have been asked of you. You must see that for yourself, Queenie!"

"Yes, I see," she murmured. "The situation is intolerable—impossible. It must end; and how it shall end is for you to say!"

The door banged on his last word; and she was left staring pitifully, blankly into the future. Never had Clive spoken so harshly before; she could never have believed, an hour earlier, that he could deliberately hurt her so much.

And so this was the end! For she could never bring herself to tell him now that she had screened, hid with jealous ferocity, all these weary months. It was quite evident that their marriage had been a mistake—a mistake from the beginning. Other folks bore the burden of such a mistake lightly; but they should never do that. A loveless companionship was worse than none. And, waiting not another moment to consider, she selected a pen and wrote—

"Clive, dear, you were right. You and I were not meant for happiness. I've tried—oh, how I've tried—to be all that a wife should be; but after tonight it's hopeless. I'm going out of your life as suddenly as I came into it. I hope you will try to forget me, and seek and find happiness elsewhere. Good-bye. Your broken-hearted QUEENIE."

Dashing away the tears that brimmed in her eyes, she donned her hat and coat and stole softly from the house.

The sun was dipping low, and the boys at Cobur Creek had knocked off work for the day. Contrary to custom, however, they had not made a beeline for Andy Buckenham's saloon, but lounged about in twos and threes, talking desultorily. They were waiting—waiting for a certain thing to happen. The grim expressions on the worn faces told of grim resolve within the rugged brows. Suddenly a figure swung out from Buckenham's store, and a thrill ran through the group. Dunagare trousers and a rough shirt clothed him; the rest of his possessions hung in a bundle from his shoulder.

"Good boys, along!" he threw out challengingly. "You don't love me; and I can't honestly say I'm sweet on you! Fact is, I'm fed up with this rotten little show—darned glad to get away from it. Anyone goin' to stand me a good-bye drink?"

"You've had plenty already!" growled a voice. "Cut the damn talk, an' stop your hooking quietly, if you don't want trouble!"

More than one face had flushed; and the gruff warning voiced the general feeling. And ere rejoinder could be made, a woman emerged from a log-shack close by, and, throwing her arms round the departing miner's neck, drew all eyes to herself.

"Yes, Billy," she sobbed. "Go quietly, if you'll give me love left for me all! Kiss me! Maybe it's the last kiss you'll ever give me! And I've loved my best for you always!"

"Not so much bloom'n' fuss!" hiccuped the other. "Who's downhearted? Not I, you! I shall be in my feet somewhere. And as for that rattle-pah! Slung, old girl, you keep your pecker up, an' don't worry 'bout me—not a red cent!"

Hardly had he noticed the stranger who, riding up to Buckenham's door, had staved there noting every detail of the scene for a while. He had helped it in a couple of breaths, and then, having tethered his horse, made his way to the woman. The groups of men had melted away, but she still peered after the scarcely discernible figure that slouched along the rough track. He plucked her sleeve.

"Queenie! Yes, I was not mistaken. It is you. And I find you here—like this. Ye gods, what a meeting!"

She started violently, and swung round to face him. All the color had gone from her cheeks.

"What a sight! You do well to say 'Hello' to me! You're a sight to see here now—of all men!"

"Ah!—now! That is what I am asking myself!" He laughed from a dry throat—a laugh that rasped horribly. "A queer coincidence that I should turn up at such a moment, isn't it? Some time ago call it the work of 'deevils'!"

"Yes, you're a sight to see here now—of all men!"

"I saw—and heard!" And his voice broke on the word. It became a voice of pleading, of urgent entreaty. "Queenie, I've searched high and low for you since that—night. I've carried your letter with me every-where I've gone. Don't tell me I've found you too late!"

"Too late! What do you mean, Clive?" flashed back the answer. "I never to escape your insinuations? Tell me what you suspect!"

"Nothing—yet!" he replied, humbly. "Only I want to straighten things out, so as to clear away all misunderstandings. I've asked you a question; and I'm waiting for an answer!"

been spoken—she wished it had been.

In a measure, that her child fell ill next day was a blessing. It occupied an outlet for her emotions, an occupation that her brain as well as her hands. She tried to deceive herself that the ailment was only trifling; but, with the waning of the second day, there could be no further burking of the facts. Mollo was seriously, perhaps dangerously, ill.

"It was white-faced woman who pushed open Andy Buckenham's door that night and peered anxiously through the curling smoke. A brown, rough-shirted giant sprawled in a corner; and to him she made her way.

"Jim, could you come outside a moment, please? I want you. Mollo's worse; and—and I'm frightened. She must have a doctor tonight, or it may be too late."

Jim Preston knocked the ashes from his pipe and chewed the stem reflectively for a moment.

"I'll go right now! That's a tall order, Queenie! Still, we'll try. I must get a horse and ride to Molloville."

Bargain Fair Extraordinary

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Starts To-Day!

And Will be Continued During May.

500 Colored Bed Rugs, large size, good weight; regular price 1/11, to be cleared at 1/7 each.

Heavy-weight Cotton Trimmed in Natural or White, cheap at 1/4 yard, our price 9/4, yard.

150 Children's Caps. Our buyer secured at less than half their regular price, consisting of Tweeds, Cheviots and Flannel, all neatly trimmed; regular price 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, to go at 5/11, 14/6, 16/6, 18/6, to clear at 10/6.

Ladies' Full-length Striped Tweed Coats, smart cut and finish, thick and warm material, regular price 12/6 each; bargain price 10/6. Come early.

Heavy-weight Dress Material, Herringbone; cheap at 1/6, 1/7 yard; bargain price 1/4 yard.

Ladies' Blanket Tweed Coats, two-tone color, large collar, others double-breasted, in cloth and serge, trimmed with satin collar; regular price 21/20, 27/6, 30/6, 35/6; all to be cleared at 17/6 each.

All Wool Fine Flannels, in white and green, maroon, violets and blue; also all-wool; regular price 10/6, to go at 1/3 yard; our price 10/6.

Towels during the sale. All our good value 1/2 Towels, in white or brown, will be offered at 9/4 each.

Tea Coats in plain Roman satin or iron brocade, with frilled edge, warm, strong and durable; regular price 17/6; bargain price 15/6.

Embroidered Muslin Filled Cap Covers, a great line, cheap at 1/6 each; bargain price 9/4 each.

COLONIAL BLANKETS! The best value in Melbourne, 100% to be cleared—Single bed, usual 10/11; Sale price 8/11. 3-4 bed, usual 14/11; Sale price 12/6. Double bed, usual 18/11; Sale price 16/11. Extra large Double Bed, usual price 22/6; Sale price 19/6.

Men's and Youth's Fashion Shirts, sizes 14 and 14 1/2 only, all colors, slightly soiled; usual price 2/11; bargain price 1/6.

Men's Lambswool and Knitted Woollen Socks, great winter line; cheap at 1/3 pair; bargain price 7/4 pair.

Men's Flannel Shirts, in natural or white, well made and guaranteed to wear; cheap at 2/11; bargain price 2/6 each.

Men's Natural Wool Winter Weight Pants and Shirts, well made; our bargain line 2/11. Secure this line early, as we have only a limited number.

Men's Fleecy Linen, also Merino and Brown Cotton Ties and Shirts, all sizes; our value in Melbourne, at 1/11, 2/11, 3/11.

Bed Quilts with satin centre, contrast centre with Roman satin, frills in green, maroon, violets and blue; the smartest Down Quilt offering; regular price 21/6; bargain price 17/6.

Gent's Shower-proof and Garbarding Chester Coats, very smart styles and present fashions. Our buyer secured 50 of these at half regular price; we offer a come worth 50/6, to 50/6 at 35/6 each. Come early!

A New Department—Gent's Suits to Measure. A Suit worth 60/6, we guarantee the fit and finish. See our number of Suits to Measure. Returnable! A Suit to Measure 35/6, with best trimmings and linings.

Satin finish Double Damask, pure white, improves when washed a big wash of patterns; special value, 1/8, 1/8, 1/10, yard.

Corsets—A Line to Clear, in the following sizes only: 18, 20, 24, 26, 28; regular price 2/11, to be cleared at 1/8 pair.

Corsets, new style, extra long hips, well lined, low bust, with suspenders, all sizes; special price 2/11 pair.

Corsets in P.D. Kabo, Warner's and C.B. makes, the newest shapes; all one price, 5/11 pair; all sizes.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The anniversary of the late Emperor's coronation was celebrated last Sunday and passed off very successfully. Large congregations prevailed generally, though the evening service was somewhat less than usual.

On Tuesday evening a public meeting was held, when the singing of the psalms was again the special feature and during the evening they were frequently complimented for their prompt rendering of the psalms very beautifully.

The report of the school was submitted by the secretary. It showed that there were 400 scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of 325, and a total of 100,000 hours of instruction.

Ladies' Fashionable Winter Skirts, including Walking Skirts, Golf Skirts, or House Skirts. See our bargain line in Natural or White, cheap at 1/4 yard, our price 9/4, yard.

Ladies' Flannelized Golf Blouses, light and dark colorings; also Cromie Corduroy; worth 2/6, 2/11 each. Bargain price 1/11.

Ladies' Fleece Blouses, job line at 1/3 pair; cheap at 1/11.

Better lines 2/6, 2/11, 3/6 pair. Children's Dresses. A Special Tweed Dress to be cleared at 1/11, worth selling cheap at 2/11. See our bargain line, 3/11, 4/11, 5/11 to 15/6 each.

Children's Long Woolen Coats and Caps to match, in grey, brown, navy and cream; special value, 5/11 each, and very smart and up-to-date line.

Ladies' Extra Long Ribbed Vests, shawl waist; special value 1/4.

All Wool Do, great bargain, 1/11 each, long or short sleeves.

Also Special Line Merino Blouses and Vests, 1/11.

Mothers' A Great Opportunity to secure a Greater for Children. Our buyer just secured 150 samples at half regular price, all wool and other silk materials, all sizes, and worth 7/6 to 10/6 each; all one price, 3/11 each. Secure one early.

Pure Milled Perfumed Toilet Soap, large boxes all neatly wrapped, 75 cents to be cleared at 5/4, cake, cheap at 4/4. Cutis Helen Soap 4/4, Castile Soap 3/4 and 1/4 cake, Castile 1/4, Savon or Unscented Castile 3/4, Gentle Old Brown Windsor, large cakes, 3/4.

Ladies' Golf Coats, all pure wool, all colors; special price: Regular 10/6, sale price 9/6; regular 21/6, sale price 21/6; regular 30/6, sale price 28/6; regular 45/6, sale price 45/6; regular 50/6, sale price 50/6. Best value in Melbourne.

Children's 3-4 Socks, sizes 6 to 10, extra strong; special value 4/4 pair.

Do, all wool, cheap at 1/4, bargain price 10/4.

Plain or Ribbed Cashmere all wool Hosiery, our value at 1/4- cannot be beat.

Children's Scout Hose, 1/6, 1/6, 1/11, all sizes.

Women's and Children's Knitted Hose, 1/6, 1/6, 1/11.

Ladies' Knitted Mufflers in cream, maroon, etc. (some fastening, special value, 9/4 each; better lines 1/8, 1/11, to 1/4 each).

Fancy Oriental Trimming, assorted colors, 25 pieces bought at one-third regular price, clearing at 2/11 dozen; cheap at 10/4 yard.

Handkerchiefs, plain, white and colored border, cheap at 3/4, each. 500 dozen to go. 1/4 dozen; also better lines 1/6, 1/8, 1/8, 2/4 each.

Coloured Veilings, all shades and designs, 100 pieces secured at a ridiculous price, cheap at 1/4, 1/4, 1/4; to be cleared at 3/4, 1/4, and 6/4 yard.

One-piece Costumes in Tweed or Navy Seron; special line at 10/6.

Better Lines 15/6, 17/6 to 25/6.

Furs! Furs! Black Foxline from 4/11 to 22/6.

Genuine Fox Furs at 22/6 to 75/6.

Black Muffs 0/11 to 12/6.

The Genuine Fox Fur at 22/6—Ask to see.

Glove! Glove! All Guaranteed (Don't Forget). Long Knitted Gloves 1/4, 1/8, 1/11 pair, in brown, cream, range of patterns; special value, 1/8, 1/8, 1/10, yard.

Two-tone Imitation Suede 1/6, 1/8, all colors.

Long Black Lisle and Imitation Suede, 1/6, 1/8, 1/11, 2/4 pair.

Twelve-button Length Kid Gloves, black, grey and brown. 4/11 pair.

Twelve-button length in White Kid Gloves, 2/11, 4/6.

Sixteen Buttons, white only, 6/6.

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STAGE, BAND, and BALLROOM DANCING. Mr. and Mrs. BERT MOGAN, 49 Northcote, and Mrs. DORIS MOGAN, 49 Northcote, are giving a Ball at the Grand Ballroom, 49 Northcote, on Saturday, May 10th, at 8 p.m. Wednesday 21st, and continued till 31st May inclusive. Attractive Programme and Entertainment.

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FOOTBALL.

The opening match of the season between Northcote and Winton (last year's champions) was played at Northcote on Saturday. The match was a very interesting one, and was won by Northcote.

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PRESTON POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, April 29. (Before Dr. Cole, P.M., and Messrs Barrow and Ellison, J.P.s.)

DEBT. E. T. Moulton v. W. Boyd. Claiming £1 8s 6d. Order for amount with 5s cost. Same v. Chas. Alexander. Claiming £5 0s 6d. Order for amount with 5s cost.

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Local Government.

TOWN OF NORTHCOTE. Applications, addressed to the Mayor and endorsed "Application for Quarry," will be received up till 4 p.m. on Friday, 9th May, for the position of Quarry Foreman at a salary of £2 10s per week; also for the position of Engine Driver (first-class) at a salary of £3 5s per week.

Applications to state age, whether married or single, and forward copies of recent testimonials. W. G. SWIFT, Town Clerk.

25th April, 1913. SHIRE OF PRESTON. Tenders will be received up to 4 p.m. Monday, 12th May, at the Shire Office, High Street, Preston, for the purchase of 100 tons of stone to the value of £13,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By Order, A. DEAN, Shire Secretary.

Shire Hall, Preston. Election Notices. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT.

STATE OF VICTORIA. ELECTORAL DIVISION OF BURKE. The following Persons have been duly nominated as Candidates for the Election of One Member of the House of Representatives for the above Division to serve in the Parliament of the Commonwealth:

FRANK ARMY, "Omrah," Howard Street, Brunswick, no occupation. ALEXANDER FRANCIS MALDON ROBB, 21 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, Barrister-at-Law.

A Poll will accordingly be taken at the various Polling Places for the Division on Saturday, the 31st day of May, 1913. The Poll will be open at eight o'clock in the morning and will not close until all Electors present in the Polling Booth at Eight o'clock in the evening, and desiring to vote, have voted.

ARTHUR JOHN TAYLOR, Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Burke. ALBERT Prescribed Polling Place, Albert—Rehabilita Hall, Albert Street, Brunswick.

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Election Notices.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS. FRANK MALDON ROBB, the Liberal Candidate, will address the Electors at the Methodist Schoolroom, Corner (corner St. George's Road and Stationery Place) this (Saturday) Evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. H. Smith will preside.

FRANK MALDON ROBB, the Liberal Candidate, will address the Electors at the Methodist School Hall, High Street, Northcote, on Thursday, 8th May, at 8 o'clock. The M. Y. (Dr. Johnson) will preside. Mr. Robb will also speak at "Pigeon" on Tuesday, 5th May, at 8; and on Saturday, 10th, at Village Settlement, 500, 500, Thomastown.

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BOURKE ELECTION.

FRANK MALDON ROBB, B.A., LL.B., The Straight-Out Liberal Protectionist.

The selected Liberal candidate to oppose Mr. F. Army, the sitting Labour Member for the Electoral Division of Burke, is Mr. Frank Maldon Robb, a man of ability and culture, a liberal and vigorous fighter, and a sound exponent of well-proven political principles.

Mr. Robb is the son of the late Rev. Alexander Robb, and was educated for different periods in Malvern, Albany, Koroit, and Geelong. He was a student at Ormond College, and has held 1500 in scholarships. The founder of that college, the late Hon. Francis Ormond, was an uncle by marriage of Mr. Robb.

His original intention and purpose, when taking his B.A. course, was to study for the Bar, but yielding to parental pressure he did the Divinity course for three years and entered the Church. After leaving his first charge at Brighton Beach, Mr. Robb went to Launceston, Tasmania, and while there studied law, and some years ago resigned his charge and resumed his studies at the University of Melbourne. He took his LL.B. in Melbourne in 1910, and after spending a year in the office of Messrs. Deane and Deane he was called to the Bar a year ago, where he has already made a very successful beginning in the practice of his profession, and is at present a member of the Victorian Bar.

Mr. Robb's career as a student of the University of Melbourne, and his subsequent studies at the University of London, have been marked by a high degree of industry and success. He has won high honours in his studies, and has been a member of the Victoria University Club, the Victoria University Debating Society, and the Victoria University Dramatic Society. He has also been a member of the Victoria University Law Society, and has acted as a member of the Victoria University Law Society.

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WARREN.—On the 4th May at "Cambridge," Mitchell street, Northcote, Myrtle Jessie, the dearly beloved eldest daughter of George and Elizabeth Wardrop; aged 17 years and 8 months.

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A conference was held between the Northcote and Preston councils on Tuesday evening regarding electric lighting matters, the subject of which was that a sub-committee consisting of the Mayor (Mr. Johnson) and Mr. Lee, representing the Northcote Council, and Mr. O'Connell (president) and Mr. O'Connell (vice-president) representing the Preston Council, were appointed to consider a proposition submitted by the chairman of the Northcote Council, Mr. Lee, to the effect that a cable down to the main supply line should be laid on the main supply line to Northcote.

The Northcote Presbyterian Reading Circle held their monthly meeting on Tuesday last, when a most interesting and pleasant time was spent in the reading of "The Idylls of the King." Excellent papers were read by Mrs. E. Lee, Misses M. and J. Jones, Misses E. and M. Stewart, and Miss R. W. Wood.

NORTHCOE'S BAD GAS SUPPLY. MODE COMPLAINTS. The Northcote Town Council on Monday evening received a letter from the Metropolitan Gas Co. stating that with a view to augmenting the gas supply to Northcote they were laying down an additional large main.

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CHURCH NEWS. "The Dawn of a New Day" is the title of the new play by Mr. J. H. Warr, which is being produced at the Northcote Theatre on Wednesday evening.

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NORTHCOE VITAL STATISTICS. Dr. J. H. Warr, Medical Officer to the Town of Northcote, on Monday presented the annual report on the vital statistics of the town for the year 1912.

MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND BAZAAR. FOR PRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY. When the Preston Public Council undertook to advance the money to provide a billiard room in connection with the Preston Public Library, the committee of the latter gave the work that an effort would be made to free themselves of the indebtedness as soon as possible.

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NORTHCOLE POLICE COURT.
 MONDAY, MAY 5.
 Before Dr. Cole, P.M., and Messrs.
 Smith, Bailey and Plant, J.P's.
NORA REID V. JOHN REID.
 This was a case in which the plaintiff
 sued for the maintenance of three
 children. Evidence was heard at the
 court on April 7, and the case was ad-
 journed for a month to see if the par-
 ties could "make it up" and live to-
 gether again.
 On the previous occasion, defendant
 alleged that the children were not sent
 regularly to school, and were otherwise
 neglected owing to his wife's inter-
 ference. Under these circumstances
 he did not want his wife to have
 custody of the children. He was
 desirous of taking the children away
 from the mother, and maintaining them
 himself.
 Mr. Ridgeway, who again appeared
 for the defence, intimated that they
 had been removed to the court, and
 that he would not do it. He had
 been so ordered could be made. They
 had made suggestions to the plaintiff,
 but she would do nothing.
 Mr. Reid stated that since the hear-
 ing of the case, she had asked her hus-
 band to buy bread for the children, but
 he would not do it.
 Mr. Ridgeway: Did he not offer to
 take the children away and buy them
 bread?
 Plaintiff: They were in bed at the
 time, and I would not let them go.
 Mr. Ridgeway: Was there a whole
 family covering anyone of those children?
 Plaintiff: There were two new chil-
 dren in the house.
 Were'n't some of the children wrap-
 ped up in your old dresses?—Yes.
 Plaintiff: further cross-examined, de-
 manded payment for blankets or any other
 furnishings, which had been obtained
 on time payment.
 Matilda Walsh, sister of plaintiff,
 gave evidence that the latter was un-
 temperate, as stated.
 Mr. Ridgeway again urged that
 these children were not in their proper
 place with their mother.
 Dr. Cole, P.M.: We have no jurisdic-
 tion.
 Mr. Ridgeway: When the husband
 offers to take them, the court has no
 jurisdiction to make an order?
 Dr. Cole, P.M.: He refuses to go and
 live with his wife.
 Mr. Ridgeway: That does not matter.
 The wife has no right to the custody
 of the children.
 Dr. Cole: It appears to me that the
 children would suffer if taken away
 from their mother.
 Mr. Ridgeway: We will guarantee
 they will not suffer. She would have
 access to the children.
 Dr. Cole: You said he thought the
 mother was the right person to have
 the custody of the children.
 Mr. Ridgeway: All things equal,
 yes.
 The case was, after further argu-
 ment, adjourned to see the effect of
 certain action Mr. Ridgeway was going
 to take.
 Plaintiff wanted to know how also
 was his name mentioned on this point.
DAMAGING A BICYCLE.
 Arthur Ford sued George Hanley for
 illegally detaining parts of a bicycle
 valued at £2 10s.
 Plaintiff stated that he had lent
 Hanley a bicycle, which he was riding on
 the wrong side of the road, was run
 over by a builder's dray, and the bicy-
 cle injured. Defendant offered him £1
 to buy a new bicycle, but he refused to
 accept it. He then took the bicycle to
 a repairer, and had it repaired. He
 was still £1 to pay, and Hanley would
 not give the bicycle up till this was
 paid.
 It was alleged by the defence that
 Hanley's attitude was in consequence of
 plaintiff owing him money.
 The case was adjourned, so that
 Hanley might attend the court. He
 had been subpoenaed, and was about
 to be fined by the Bench for non-
 attendance, when the matter was re-
 versed for next court.
HIDING ON THE FOOTPATH.
 For this offence, G. J. Blythe was
 fined 2s 6d on the information of Con-
 stable Murray.
PRESTON'S RESERVE.
 To the Editor.
 Sir,—In reference to Premier's letter
 of the 12th, re advertising in the
 Wood street, Preston, I thoroughly
 acquiesce. When it is taken into con-
 sideration the price the Council paid
 for the towers, it is a question of
 an injustice to ratepayers—out of
 whose pocket the price of the land
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NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

Present.—Crs. Johnson (mayor), Schwabach, Hayes, McDonnell, Henderson, Woolhouse, Mason, Dennis, Lees, Smith and Plant.

An apology was made for Cr. Glanfield, who was in the country.

WANTED BY COMMONWEALTH

The Secretary of the Home Affairs Department wrote directing attention to a notification appearing in the Commonwealth Gazette of the 3rd inst. respecting the compulsory acquisition of land adjoining the post office.

It was explained that the post office authorities had now an easement over 4 feet 6 inches. They wanted an additional 6 feet.

Cr. Plant said he thought the council should ask for proper compensation, as they had gone to a lot of expense in acquiring this land. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Smith seconded the motion, which was carried.

GARBAGE TIPS

The town clerk, Essendon, wrote in reference to the donation to the Board of Public Health for garbage tips and their proposed location.

Cr. Hayes intimated that Cr. Henderson and himself would attend the deputation.

ASHES WANTED

Mr. Estman, corner Stans and Jackson streets, made application for a license of ash to fill up a hole in front of his gate.—Carried with.

A similar request was made by W. Preston for the footpath running along side the park in Westgarth street.—Carried with, on the motion of Cr. Mason.

HUTTON STREET DRAINAGE

The Norwich and London Accident Insurance Association wrote complaining of the bad state of the drainage in Hutton street, causing depreciation of property.—Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr. Henderson.

GARDEN STREET CHANNEL

Robert Stanley, Merri street, wrote drawing attention to the bad condition of the drain on the east side of Garden street, and also of the footpath.—Referred to the works committee on the motion of Cr. Smith.

PARK FOR EAST WARD

Mitchell Bros. wrote stating that they had submitted the council's offer to the Bank of Victoria for land in East Wards street, viz., 2300 per acre for five acres, but the price was below what the bank is prepared to accept. The bank's officers value the land at 3300 per acre and they are prepared to accept very liberal terms.

Referred to committee of the whole on the motion of Crs. Smith and Schwabach.

KNITTING FACTORY

S. Ward, 408 High street, wrote applying to have his premises registered as a knitting factory.—Referred to surveyor.

BEACONSFIELD PARADE

M. Johnson, Beaconsfield parade, wrote asking that some ashes be spread on the north side path, and directing attention to the bad state of the crossing at the Spencer street intersection.—Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr. Woolhouse.

"OVER THEIR BOOTTOPS"

W. E. Wilson, Wilson street, wrote stating that his children had to wade through water over their boot-tops to get to school owing to defective drainage in the locality.—Cr. Henderson moved that a reply be sent that the matter is being given attention.

CHARLES ST. DRAINAGE

F. H. Aschell, Charles street, wrote calling attention to the fact that the drainage was still running across the road, causing deep ruts to be made, which were dangerous to traffic.—Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr. Dennis.

GIFT OF PICTURES

R. Tobin, Merri street, wrote asking that the mayor be requested to present on Empire Day a framed picture of historical interest to Northcote to each of the local State schools.

Cr. Plant moved and Cr. Smith seconded that the mayor be asked to comply with the request.—Carried.

NORTHCOTE HROTHERHOOD

The Northcote Brotherhood wrote asking that they be allowed a rebate in hire of new hall on 14th June, as the proceeds of the entertainment would be devoted to charitable purposes.

Cr. Plant moved that the council's patronage be given and the hall granted at the charitable rate.—Carried.

AN INVITATION

Edward McPherson, correspondent Hutton street school committee, wrote asking the patronage of councillors at the Empire Day celebrations on Friday, 23rd, at 11 a.m.

Cr. Woolhouse moved that the invitation be accepted, and as many councillors as possible attend.

DISRESPECTFUL LETTER

Alfred Chitts wrote calling attention to the state of the footpaths in Gordon street and South crescent.

The mayor said the letter was an disrespectful worded that he would not allow it to be read.—Action endorsed on the motion of Cr. Mason.

BLADEN STREET

Jos. Pitt wrote calling attention to the bad condition of Bladen street.—Referred to works committee, on the motion of Cr. Henderson.

PETITION

Cr. Henderson presented a petition from almost all the residents of Johnson street praying that the owner of the two-foot reserve at the end of the street be made to pay their proportion of the cost of the Highways.—To be considered with orders of the Day.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Cr. Redmond (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £278 7s be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Low-lying land, Hastings street.—That the town surveyor be authorized to deposit filling on the land, the cost to be made a charge upon the property.—Adopted.

3. Lamp.—That the town surveyor be authorized to erect a gas lamp at the corner of Bargoed street and St.

George's road, the cost to be charged to the west ward.—Adopted.

4. J. Elliot, re supply of metal.—That the offer to supply 110 yards of hand-broken metal at 6/6 per yard be accepted, if delivered on the road as directed by the town surveyor.

Cr. Plant said it was bad procedure to buy metal without calling for tenders.

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Cr. Lees said he heard of one man whose bill would be £400 if this street construction scheme was carried out. He said he was going to leave.

The mayor moved that the engineer report to the committee of the whole as to what is necessary to be done to make the small hall, removed from Westbourne grove, available to their tenants.

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NORTHCOOTE POLICE COURT.
MONDAY, MAY 26.
[Before Dr. Cole, P.M. and Messrs. Hayes, Scott, Richmond, Johnson, McIntosh, Brown and Smith.]
TRAMWAY EMPLOYEE'S DISMISSAL.
QUESTION OF MISCONDUCT.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBUURY
Sunday 1st June (2nd Sunday after Trinity) 8 a.m., H.C.
Morning Prayer.
7 p.m., "Life Beyond the Grave" (VIII). Rev. U. W. Wood.

Powell's Autumn Show
We are now showing the Latest Designs in LADIES' HATS, stylishly and artistically trimmed, and at prices much below City rates.

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HOME AND WILKINSON
SOLICITORS,
CONVEYANCERS, Etc.,
Commercial Union Chambers, 418 Collins Street, Melbourne.
W. J. HOZS, Commissioner for Victoria. A. S. WILKINSON, Private Address: "Lyallgale," King William St. Preston.

MEETING OF LADIES.
There was good response to the invitation of the Mayettes (Mrs. B. E. Johnson)...

DELIVERY AFTER HOURS.
Edward Chas. Chapman, workman, Westgarth street, was proceeding against Inspector Hunt for delivering goods after hours...

PRINCE OF WALES PARK
METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday Services:
11 a.m., Rev. J. J. Adams.
8 p.m., Rev. J. J. Adams.

Mrs. and Miss Walker
Wish to direct the attention of the LADIES for verification that our stock is very complete and we invite your inspection.

FREDERICK HUGHES,
SOLICITOR, &c.,
Commissioner of Supreme Court of Victoria for Taking Affidavits, 89 CONINGHAM STREET, NORTHCOOTE.

ROBERTS AND ELLIOTT,
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QUEENSLAND BUILDING, 84-88 WILLIAM STREET, MELBOURNE.
A. GLEN ROBERTS, M.A., H. E. ELLIOTT, LL.B., Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Victoria for Taking Affidavits.

MARRIAGE.
A marriage of exceptional interest was celebrated on Wednesday last...

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.
The Northcote Town Council wrote to the Preston council on Monday stating its preparedness to lay electric light cable to the Preston boundary...

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
Northcote, Northcote.
Pastor: Rev. A. R. BOSTON.
Sunday Services:
11 a.m., "Dead to Sin."
7 p.m., "Dedicator Service For Disciples."

Mrs. and Miss Walker
Exquisite Display of Fancy Work
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Magnificent Stock of Fancy Goods

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D.D.S., D.D.S.,
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Hours: 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Evenings, 7 to 9.30.
Saturday afternoons, by appointment.

THE MAN OF THE MOMENT.
In the hero of the Antartica, but the man who gains the approbation of his fellow to-day, to-morrow, and every day is the well-dressed man.

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Principal: Mrs. LEONARD BAKER.
Place: Mrs. LEONARD BAKER, Miss HILDA BAKER, L.A.B. Singing: Miss RUBY BOND.

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Other Things being Equal, You'd Sooner Deal Equal.
Reid's Cheese Reid's Tea
You'll never pay extra for City Cheese once you know what excellent quality—new milk or cream—comes from Reid's Teas and keep on getting it once you see it.

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Blood and fourth Tuesday in each month.
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Scientifically designed so as to give full play to the muscles of the foot and ankle, and combining the utmost strength with the lightest possible weight, this is the ideal boot for the fleet sprinter and sure kicker.

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MONDAY and WEDNESDAY 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

DR. DENTON FETHERS,
has taken up his residence in Spring Street, Preston (near the Preston Railway Station), where he may be consulted.
At Home: 9-11 a.m., 6-7.30 p.m., Collins Street, 2-4 p.m.

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Terms moderate. Arrangements made to suit pupils.

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Club or Terms.
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Our salt is the most
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It is used in the making of your salt receives close attention.
Cut and let us prove it.
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JUST LOVE.

THE STORY OF A GIRL WHO KEPT HER PROMISE.

There was nothing beautiful about the water-streaked country-side this bleak July day. The roads were inches deep in black mud and the leafless boughs of the dripping trees waved disconsolately above the hedge and waterlogged fields.

agree to anything further until you have seen or heard from me, will you promise me that?" whispered Merton before allowing her finally to leave him.

edge of the door for support. She stared at the man and he met her stare defiantly.

The old nurse left as her services were no longer required; the servant was too ignorant to know what she had set her signature to.

THE SHADOW OF THE PAST. "Come in," said Mrs. Chetwin, in response to a knock at the door of the drawing-room.

remembered him as a fugitive from justice. And afterwards came the news of his death. Succeeding this was a period of such gloom and misery...

arms round him, and clung to him passionately. "It seems as though I have wakened out of a horrible nightmare," she murmured.

HOW LONG CAN A MAN LIVE? It is said that it is not the rich folk who become old, but those who are used to outdoor exercise and who live plainly and moderately.

CLIMBING A MAGNETICALLY-SUPPORTED CHAIN.

An interesting experiment was recently made at the works of one of the large German manufacturing firms with one of their lifting magnets.

THE USE OF A DAY.

Each new sun is a sign in the heavens to be used up at it. At what? Life! The big work of man is not mere masonry, manufacturing, nor merchandising.

ANYBODY CAN DO IT.

Suppose a person who was ignorant of astronomy, and who was not taking observations should set out to find the North Pole, how would he know when he reached it?

UNSOLICITED ADVICE.

It is not the man that knows, it is the man that does, that moves things. Solomon knew all about children, and he raised the worst household that ever was.

MORAL REFLECTIONS.

Patience is the balance of the soul. It is the calm and serene and the great and calm as a shadow.

Far From It.

A temperance lecturer displayed to his audience two geraniums. The first, watered in the usual way, was a beautiful and vigorous plant.

General.

"Oh, doctor!" moaned the patient. "I feel that I am at death's door."

Divertissement.

Divertissement gives a better description of what is meant by the word than the usual definition.

PROPOSED ST. GEORGE'S ROAD- PRESTON TRAM.

PRESTON APPOINT BILL DRAFT.

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening, Cr. Crisp (president) reported the result of public meeting which he had convened to decide the route of the proposed St. George's road tramway extension after it reaches Preston.

Cr. Alchin desired to know if any delegates had been appointed by Preston to act with those appointed by Northcote and Northcote to inspect the bill.

BILLIKEN'S BANQUET.

The Thornbury Billikens—a body of young men (bachelors) identified with Holy Trinity Church, who meet together for social, moral and spiritual benefit, held their third annual banquet in celebration of Empire Day at the town hall on Saturday evening last.

The monthly meeting of the library committee was held on Thursday last when there was a fair attendance of members.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

(Before Dr. Cole, P.M., and Mr. I. Darro J.P.)

DRIVERS HEAVILY FINED.

Geo. Philip Day, driving instructor, proceeded against John Kemp for driving on the wrong side of the road.

DRIVING OVER FOOTPATH.

Henry Wain, proceeded against by Constable Jones for driving over a footpath, was fined 10s.

CRICKET.

The members of the Northcote District Cricket Club and their friends were the guests of the ladies of the club at a complimentary social on Thursday last to celebrate the winning by the club of the Metropolitan Cup.

THE RIDDLE.

(By Will W. Beck.)

They sat side by side in the old blue gym gown,

Where the little brown creek bubbled light of love;

The man was broad shouldered, and wise as an owl,

And all things were mating on foot and on wing;

But the maiden grew down in the ground,

"Oh, tell me," she questioned him, "just what is love?"

The man, a philosopher, smiled as they can to him:

"Your riddle is easy to answer," he said,

"Now give me a riddle in verse and in prose."

Of psychic enigmas, but every one knows

That of all things the hardest to prove is

The most elusive of mysteries, Love.

"Oh, Love," said this Bolon, with lily dew,

"The first word, slipping lips"—he blazed

There again;

"The second, brown stippled that soo

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Comparatively few are aware that the election in the Legislative Council of Victoria are to be held next Friday, 13th inst.

NORTHCOTE FREE LIBRARY.

SECOND PICTURE NIGHT.

NEXT WEDNESDAY.

An excellent programme has been arranged for the second picture night arranged by the committee of the Northcote Free Library which commences next Wednesday.

SOCIAL NEWS.

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Brown, of "The Ashes," there at Northcote, a large company of friends assembled at the Collingwood town hall on Tuesday night to celebrate the coming of age of their eldest son—Edward Joseph Brown.

Tramway Conductors' Shorts.

Sir—I would be pleased if you would insert the following in the next wages claim in Northcote Court.

Star of Northcote Tent I.O.R.

The half-yearly meeting was held in the Hebblethair hall on Thursday evening, 22nd inst.

Northcote Branch A.W.A.

The half-yearly meeting was held on May 19, the president (Miss R. Barry) presiding.

Baobab.

The Northcote A.M.U. by defeating Williamson on Saturday night, now the quarter results in the competition. The play requires little comment, as right from the commencement of the game, the Northcote team was in every department of the game.

Brown's Thornbury Theatre.

The picture programme displayed at the theatre continues to draw big houses.

Pender's Grove Settlers' Association.

The first of a series of fortnightly socials was given at Pender's Grove on Monday, 24th inst.

Harriers.

Last Saturday Clifton and Northcote Harriers (No. 12) with one visitor from Malvern, covered five miles at Southcote, H. Durick and C. H. H. were the winners.

Under a spreading manzanilla.

Before a fire he sat and many a strain,

His large eyes glared and coughed and sneezed,

He said, "I cannot bear it, I will go,"

And he went where he pleased,

And he was never seen again.

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TO THE GUNS!

(For the Last Time.)

What means this dreadful war alarm?

This tremor, just to fall?

From whence this sudden call to arm?

The rich, red blood of battle!

Hark to the shriek of battle!

The deadly cannon roar!

List to the answering yell

Of "To the guns once more!"

Peace, stranger, peace! Just take a tip.

And hush a flash report!

Bare of its mask the Truth will strip,

And all may yet be well.

These muzzles pointing to the sky

And these guns, these guns

And not a living thing shall die,

The guns are obsolete.

No loud report in echo runs,

Indeed, I must confess,

The sole report about these guns

Is in the local press.

No human being has been killed,

No red blood spilled,

No iron shot has been spilled

Is correspondents' ink.

For guns are lightning bolts and swords,

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FOOTBALL.

NORTHCOTE'S FIRST VICTORY.

A close and interesting game was the outcome of the meeting between Northcote and Port Melbourne, on Saturday afternoon, at Northcote, on Saturday afternoon, at Northcote.

Woodstock Coursing Club.

A stake for 10 pups, in connection with the above club, was decided on O. Williams' property at Woodstock, on Tuesday, 27th, under favourable conditions.

Stott & Bastings

recommending inspection by intending purchasers these

FINE ESTATES

in splendid positions:

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Eden Park.

Eden Park State school celebrated Empire Day on Friday, 23rd inst.

A large attendance of parents and friends assembled to do honor to the flag.

A splendid program was rendered by the scholars in a very creditable manner.

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WANDERING CATTLE AGAIN.

W. H. Fyfe, chairman Preston shire council, writing complaining about a bull with a ring through its nose...

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ELIZABETH STREET WANTS.

N. Dickson wrote bringing under notice the unsatisfactory state of Elizabeth street, both as regards the drainage and condition of the footpaths and crossings.

WOMEN MARTYRS.

CONSTITUTION, THIRDLING HEADACHES AND SHOULDER PAIN—Bile Beans CURE IN A PLEASANT MANNER.

Mrs. M. Elliott, of Tairua street, Southern Cross, W.A., says:—'For many years, ever before I was married, constipation and indigestion weakened me. Fearful pains at the bottom of the back rendered me helpless. My liver was thoroughly disorganised and if I should sit down at all I would swoon off and I always felt sluggish. Terrible headaches and pains between the shoulders added to my suffering and for years my life was almost unbearable.'

'It was after reading of some Bile Beans cures that I decided to try this medicine. I obtained almost instant relief from the first dose or two, so I determined to persevere. After a full course of Bile Beans, all the horrible symptoms were ended, my system strengthened, and my liver cured. I was able to get about feeling fit and well. Bile Beans cured me in a wonderful manner.'

Mrs. Clara McDonald of 140 Hurlingham street, Redfern, Sydney, says:—'For years my life was made a misery by biliousness, indigestion and headaches. Bile Beans would procure me for days together, taking all my food out of me. All sorts of medicine and pills did me no good, but none of them did me any good.'

'It was after trying a lot of medicine that I remembered taking Bile Beans. The first few doses freed me from headaches, a stiffness, and pains, whilst my appetite began to improve. I continued taking Bile Beans until my ailments were ended and I was restored to a splendid healthy condition. I Bile Beans and stomach and bowels troubles, piles, varicose and are untroubled as a family medicine. Buy it by all chemists and stores 1/11 and 2/6 per box.'

ABOLITION GARBAGE TIPS.

The Eccleston Town Council wrote asking council to appoint representatives to attend deputation to Board of Health re proposed abolition of garbage tips.

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'It was after reading of some Bile Beans cures that I decided to try this medicine. I obtained almost instant relief from the first dose or two, so I determined to persevere. After a full course of Bile Beans, all the horrible symptoms were ended, my system strengthened, and my liver cured. I was able to get about feeling fit and well. Bile Beans cured me in a wonderful manner.'

Mrs. Clara McDonald of 140 Hurlingham street, Redfern, Sydney, says:—'For years my life was made a misery by biliousness, indigestion and headaches. Bile Beans would procure me for days together, taking all my food out of me. All sorts of medicine and pills did me no good, but none of them did me any good.'

'It was after trying a lot of medicine that I remembered taking Bile Beans. The first few doses freed me from headaches, a stiffness, and pains, whilst my appetite began to improve. I continued taking Bile Beans until my ailments were ended and I was restored to a splendid healthy condition. I Bile Beans and stomach and bowels troubles, piles, varicose and are untroubled as a family medicine. Buy it by all chemists and stores 1/11 and 2/6 per box.'

ARM COVERED WITH EZEMA.

'LIKE SALT RUBBED INTO A WOUND'—ZAM-BUK RUBS AFTER MEDICAL TREATMENT FAILED.

'Two years ago eczema started at my right elbow and spread up to the shoulder, causing me intense misery,' says Mrs. J. Chandler, Campbell street, Hobart, Tasmania. 'The irritation was awful, and I felt I could tear my arm to pieces, while the inflammation swelled to an enormous size.'

'During the night intense irritation prevented me getting any sleep, and when I got up in the morning I was thoroughly exhausted from the effects of this terrible torture. The smarting, burning and itching were agonising, and my health became run down. The sensation was as if ants had been rubbed into the wound and the awful pains nearly drove me mad.'

'I was under the doctor for some time, but in fact, I became worse instead of better. A friend then persuaded me to try Zam-Buk Balm and Soap. I obtained a supply, and after washing the arm with Soap I anointed it with balm. This treatment had a most cooling and soothing effect for in a short time the swelling and inflammation were reduced and all pains ended. Now the healing process was started, I perceived that the Balm and Soap had done what was completely defied, and my arm was restored to its natural condition. Since Zam-Buk cured my skin has been in excellent condition, and I have no trouble whatever.'

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ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Howe reported that some people were making a practice of driving over the footpaths in Bladon street.

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